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CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEEExport of Cobalt Oxide to PolandMemorandum by the United Kingdom Delegation

1. The United Kingdom authorities have received an application for a licence to export to Poland 5 tons cobalt oxide, covered by International List Item 1720, value \$ 15,400. This material is required by CIECH, Warsaw, for production in the following factories:-

Olkuska Fabryka Neczyn Emaliowanych, Olkusz

Rybnicka Fabryka Wyrobów Metalowych, Huta Silesia, Rybnik

2. The Committee will recall that when a similar case was put forward for consideration in December 1957, (COCOM Doc. 2818), certain objections were raised and the application was eventually withdrawn pending the outcome of the Review. Agreement has now been reached in the Committee for a new definition for Item 1720, under which cobalt oxide will continue to be embargoed. COCOM Docs. 2850, 2866, 2907 contain details of these earlier discussions.

3. The United Kingdom Delegation would remind the Committee that, since the previous application, the following exports to Poland of other embargoed materials for use in ceramics or enamelware have been authorised.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Value</u> \$	<u>Use</u>	<u>Exporting</u> <u>Country</u>	<u>COCOM</u> <u>Doc. Ref.</u>
Borax 1715	100 tons	11,570	Enamelling of Domestic Articles	Netherlands	3224
"	200 tons	26,000	Enamelling of Kitchen Ware	Netherlands	3309
Lithium compounds A.E.35	3½ tons approx.	4,945	Manufacture of ceramics	United States	3274

Her Majesty's Government hope, therefore, on the basis of equity of treatment, that the present application can be approved under the Polish exceptions procedure. The usual assurances against re-export will be obtained.

4. The following additional evidence in support of the application is submitted for the information of the Committee:-

- (a) The amount of cobalt metal which could be derived from this export (about 3½ tons) is strategically insignificant. (Total United Kingdom consumption is about 1,000 tons annually).

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- (b) Cobalt oxide is widely used in enamelling and ceramic work. It is understood that in 1955 American usage of non-metallic cobalt was approximately 450 tons, of which probably half was for enamelling and ceramics.
- (c) There is no likelihood of diversion to uses other than those stated in paragraph 1 above.

5. The United Kingdom Delegation would be grateful for the favourable consideration of this application on May 11.

United Kingdom Delegation,

Paris.

April 23, 1959.

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